THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) As per statement attached.

Statement

Plan in which started	Number of projects spilling over from VII Plan		
	Major	Medium	Total
I	2	2	4
II	5	—	5
III	16	4	20
Annual Plans 1966-69	5	1	6
IV	20	10	30
V	59	105	164
Annual Plans 1978-80	13	31	44
VI	34	98	13
VII	17	41	58
TOTAL	171	292	463

Note : 1. On an average, Major & Medium projects are expected to take about 10—15 years and 5 years respectively for completion. Hence 120 major projects started before VI Plan & 251 medium projects started before VII Plan can be considered to be running behind schedule.

2. This includes non plan projects also.

Sharing of river waters between India and Bangladesh

366. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks were recently held about sharing of river waters between India and Bangladesh Prime Ministers in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the terms of agreement reached in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both the Prime Ministers agreed that an equitable long-term and comprehensive arrangement for sharing the flows of Ganga, Tista and other major rivers evolved through mutual discussions would serve the best interest of the people of two countries. They directed their Ministers concerned to make renewed endeavours for achieving and acceptable settlement including the interim arrangements for sharing the dry season flows on Ganga in the meanwhile.